Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The motorcycle has been an important part of recreation, transportation, and tourism in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The motorcycle has contributed to governmental activities nationally, as well as locally, both in wartime and peacetime; and,

Whereas, Motorcycle ownership has increased from 500,000 to over five million in the United States today; and,

Whereas, As a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop skills and awareness of proper habits to handle these vehicles on our highways; and,

Whereas, It is important the citizens of our state be aware of motorcycles on the highways and recognize the importance of sharing the roadway; and,

Whereas, Motorists should have a special awareness of the vulnerability of motorcyclists; and,

Whereas, Education and safe riding habits are worthy of special recognition, and South Dakota is one of the four safest states for riding motorcycles in the United States; and,

Whereas, Motorcycle Safety and Awareness weeks and months have been proclaimed in states throughout the nation; and,

Whereas, The month of May begins an annual renewal of motorcycling enthusiasm:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2006 as

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY & AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State